

Measure DD Coalition
Minutes of June 18, 2007 Meeting

In attendance: Ron Bishop, Robert Raburn, Rick Rickard, John Sutter, Sandra Threlfall, Kathy Raymond, Anne Woodell and Ken Pratt.

City Staff Attendees: Jennie Gerard, Marisa Arrona, Lyle Oehler and Joel Peter

The meeting called to order by Chair of the day, Rick Rickard, at 7:05 pm at the Lakeview Branch Library. The meeting was held there to have a brief meeting and then walking tour of the proposed pathways, Option A and B that will surround the Lake.

Joel Peter went over status updates. For the Waterfront trail design guidelines discussion no dates have been determined yet.

On June 19th the City Council will hear staff recommendations for the East 18th Pier. Staff is recommending rejecting all bids yet beginning negotiations with the lowest bidder. They plan to demolish and replace the Pier, they estimate the cost to be \$1 million yet the low bid is \$1.6 million. They received two total bids and the other was \$2.3 million.

The next item to Council will be the East Oakland Sports Center. Staff is asking for the authority to move forward with design work. It will go before the Public Works Committee on June 26 and then Council the following week or in July. The current plan calls for the building (gym) to stay in Phase 1.

The work is continuing at the Municipal Boathouse on the foundation project.

The fire hydrant project around Lakeside Park is finished.

Started work for Alameda Ave. East Fruitvale Bridge which is part of the Bay Trail. They are tearing out the curb and gutter, narrowing the street and installing a new curb and gutter. There will be separate multi-use pathways. However, under the Fruitvale Bridge the Coast Guard is stating they can't narrow the channel, now raising homeland security issues. They are working on getting easements so they can line the Fruitvale Bridge to the High St. Bridge. The Core is okay with the narrowing of the channel but it is currently the Coast Guard that the City is negotiating with and they also need to be able to work out an agreement with ConAgra. The City is also working on an easement with the Pier 29 Restaurant next to the High St. Bridge which is another gap in the trail. Tidewater Ave. is currently a private St and the park district is now looking at the trail along the hill side next to Tidewater.

Union Point Park was brought up as an issue as it is not being maintained according to Sandra Threlfall. She indicated the last time she was there it was covered in weeds, the trash hadn't been picked up and had been tipped over, etc. It was asked when she visited as there are certain pick up schedules and things tend to get full over the weekend. But overall the issue of ongoing maintenance for these new projects is a huge issue and an alternative maintenance plan needs to be developed.

There have been no changes to the El Embarcadero original plans. There had been discussions about changes but the Council gave direction to stick to the original plans last summer.

The meeting was ended at the Library and the group walked over to the Lakeside Ave. sidewalk by Lake Merritt to view the differences in Option A, the original plan to move the curbs and gutters and create a larger multiuse pathway with a jogging path next to it, and option B, stick with curbs and gutters, narrow slightly multiuse pathway and do not have additional jogging path. It was brought up that option B really doesn't change the footprint of the park and does cut more into existing grass space and was that really keeping with the faith of the voters? They plan to bid out both and see the cost differential, though, Option B would definitely be cheaper as not having to move the curbs and gutters, street lights, etc. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next meeting will be held on September 17th, location to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm to tour the immediate waterfront trail.